

## CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): An elevated candle lighter,  
comprising:

(a) a main body that includes a source of combustible fuel and wherein said combustible fuel includes butane, and means for controlling the release of said fuel from said main body, and

(b) extensible conduit means adapted for directing a flow of said combustible fuel, said extensible conduit means attached to said main body; and

wherein said extensible conduit means includes a first section of conduit rigidly attached to said main body and a second section of conduit that is adapted to cooperate with said first section of conduit sufficient to extend from a first retracted position into a second extended position and wherein said overall length of said extensible conduit means is greater in said second extended position than in said first retracted position and wherein said second section of conduit is adapted to telescope with respect to said first section of conduit from said first retracted position into said

second extended position and wherein said combustible fuel is adapted to flow from said main body and through all of said extensible conduit; and

including means for igniting said combustible fuel, said means for igniting attached to said lighter; and

wherein said means for igniting said combustible fuel includes means for igniting said combustible fuel at a distal end of said extensible conduit means; and

including a snuffer attached to said lighter and wherein said snuffer is attached to said main body at an end of said main body that is disposed distally away from said extensible means, and wherein said snuffer is adapted to pivot intermediate a first position in which a longitudinal axis of said snuffer is perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said main body into a second position in which said longitudinal axis of said snuffer is parallel to said longitudinal axis of said main body.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended): The elevated candle lighter of claim 4 1 wherein said second section of conduit includes an outside dimension that is less than an inside dimension of said first section of conduit sufficient to permit a portion of said second section of conduit to retract inside said first section of conduit.

6. (currently amended): The elevated candle lighter of claim 4 1 including at least one additional section of conduit that is adapted to telescope with respect to said second section of conduit.

7. (original): The elevated candle lighter of claim 6 wherein said at least one additional section of conduit includes a third section of conduit.

8. (original): The elevated candle lighter of claim 1 wherein said means for controlling the release of fuel from said main body includes a trigger and wherein said fuel is adapted to be released from said main body subsequent to a depression of said trigger and wherein said fuel is not adapted to be released from said main body when said trigger is not depressed.

9. (original): The elevated candle lighter of claim 8 including means for controlling the rate of flow that said combustible fuel is released from said main body when said trigger is depressed.

10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended): The elevated candle lighter of claim 11 wherein said means for igniting includes a

piezoelectric device attached to said lighter and means for producing an arc at said distal end.

13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

15. (canceled)

16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The elevated candle lighter of claim 3 1 including means for providing a seal intermediate said first section of conduit and said second section of conduit sufficient to prevent a quantity of said fuel from escaping from said lighter proximate said means for providing a seal.

18. (canceled)